

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-13, 15-25 and 27-47 are all the claims pending in the application.

By this amendment, Applicant amends claim 1 to further clarify the invention and to include allowable subject matter of claim 43. Accordingly, claim 45 is amended for conformity therewith and claims 41 and 43 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Allowable claim 46 is rewritten into its independent form. Claims 13, 15-25, 27-36, 38, and 39 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

I. Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1, 13, and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 1, 3-13, 15-25, 27-42, 44, and 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 43, 45, and 46 contain allowable subject matter.

II. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1, 13, and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for allegedly omitting an essential step (*see* page 3 of the Office Action). Claims 13 and 25 have been cancelled, rendering this rejection moot.

With respect to claim 1, Applicant respectfully disagrees. Applicant respectfully submits that at least *implicitly* the claim requires retrieving data so that it can be cached. However, for reasons of precision of language and consistency, Applicant amends claim 1 to explicitly set forth what is believed to be implicit in the claim. Accordingly, in view of the self-explanatory claim amendments to claim 1, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

III. Prior Art Rejection

Claims 1, 3-13, 15-25, 27-42, 44, and 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,298,373 to Burns et al. (hereinafter “Burns”) and U.S. Patent No. 7,100,106 to Ramaley et al. (hereinafter “Ramaley”). Applicant respectfully traverses these grounds of rejection in at least in view of the following exemplary comments.

Claims 1, 3-13, 15-25, 27-42, 44, and 47 presently stand rejected and claims 43, 45, and 46 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 13, 15-25, 27-36, 38, 39, and 41 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicant does not acquiesce to the Examiner’s reasons for maintained rejections. However, to expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, by this Amendment, Applicant places this application in condition for immediate allowance by rewriting allowable claim 43 into its independent form, which is now independent claim 1. Accordingly, as acknowledged by the Examiner, independent claim 1 is allowable. Claims 2-12, 37, 40, 42, 44, and 47 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 1.

IV. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 43, 45, and 46 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 43 has been rewritten into its independent form and is now claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to now allow claim 1. Claim 46 has been rewritten into its independent form.

V. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and immediate allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in

issue, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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